most modern research in the context of the provision regarding Agricultural research as envisaged in GATT;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof, and

(d) the action taken to ensure that the most modern form of Agricultural research is done in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BAL RAM JAKHAR) : (a) No specific review has been made about the capability of Agricultural Universities with respect to their research activities in the context of GATT.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Research relevance and modernisation is an inbuilt activity of Council's support programmes to the Agricultural Universities.

Cadre review of junior engineers in C.P.W.D.

*153. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Junior Engineers of Central Public Works Department (C.P.W.D.) have been demanding cadre review in terms of an agreement signed between Government and C.P.W.D. Junior Engineer's Association in 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that promotional avenues of these Junior Engineers are affected for lack of cadre review :

(d) whether Government have taken any action in terms of agreement as in part (a) above; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A consensus was reached with the CPWD Junior Engineers Association and the Sectional Officers (Horticulture) Association on 20-8-1987 which brought to an end the indefinite strike resorted to from 14-7-1987 by these Associations in furtherence of their various demands, which included Cadre Review also. It was agreed that Cadre Review of Junior Engineers would be initiated by appointing a Committee of Officers in the month of November, 1987,

(c) No, Sir. Orders were issued in March, 1991 under which :—

(i) Junior Engineers, after completion of 5 years in the scale of pay of Rs. 1400–2300, will be placed in the scale of pay of Rs. 1640–2900, subject to rejection of unfit; and

(ii) Junior Engineers, who could not be promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer in the scale of Rs. 2000–3500 due to non-availability of vacancies, will be allowed this scale, on personal basis, after completion of 15 years of service as Junior Engineer, subject to rejection of unfit.

(d) and (e) In pursuance of the consensus, the following actions have been taken in connection with the Cadre Review :—

(i) A Working Group was appointed by the CPWD on 23-8-87, which submitted its recommendations in August, 1988;

(ii) A Cadre Review Committee was constituted in September, 1988 to consider the recommendations of the Working Group which has since submitted its report;

(iii) The recommendations of the Cadre Review Committee have been examined by the Ministry of Urban Development and its recommendations submitted to the Ministry of Finance.

Damage to Agricultural Crops in Vidarbha Region

*154. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the final estimates of total damage caused to agricultural crops by heavy rains and floods, in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra during July-August, 1994;

(b) how much aid the Government of Maharashtra sought from the Central Government;

(c) how much aid the Central Government provided to the Government of Maharashtra; and